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ARE THREE GOOD AND GREAT BISHOPS---REVERENDS WHO

Have Defined Duties and do Them Well ---Viewing the Situation a Christian Gentleman Gives His Opinion.

I have tried to present to the world in true outline and with accurate tints and coloring two great characters, the Rt. Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., and the Rt. Rev. B. T. Tanner, D. D. There is only a certain class of readers which will follow with the candid and intelligent attention such discussions. The average mind delights to hear great men praised in extravagant strains or to hear them abused in the most scathing language which malevolence can inspire. It is only the truly earnest and sincere who take pleasure in seeking to discover the true character of a great man and to behold him as he actually is with his faults and his virtues, his defects and his strong points, his loftiness and his common qualities, all standing out in true proportion.

Dean Hook concludes his life of Abbot Anselm by saying in substance that they will praise him most effectively who see in his life both the evil and the good. It is only thus by studying the lives and characters of the great and good that we can hope to derive from them the noble lessons and elevating influences that will surely come to the candid heart.

Bishop H. M. Turner is conspicuous and great; Bishop B. T. Tanner is modest, learned and great, but he whom we are now about to consider is best described as a model of truth, simplicity and candor, and as a character to be distinguished at once as both good and great. Bishop B. T. Tanner, like Bishop Payne, is a man of pronounced piety, but Bishop B. F. Lee is a man whose goodness would be noticed before his piety. Bishop H. M. Turner gives little care to the outward forms and to that which goes to mark the eminently pious man, but he is pronouncedly religious. Bishop B. F. Lee is stern, precise and plain in his outward show and lacks those traits which go to distinguish a man as being pious, but he is that type of a man whom every one, even at first glance, would call good. He is more to be distinguished as a Christian than as a religionist. Here we have them true to life—Bishop B. T. Tanner a pious man, Bishop H. M. Turner a religious man and Bishop B. F. Lee a good man. This does not mean that all are not possessed of piety, religion and goodness, but it does mean that these qualities predominate in each in the order named.

Bishop B. T. Tanner will live in the thoughts which he has formulated and the literature which he has created. Bishop H. M. Turner will live in the notions which he has promulgated among men, in the activities which he has initiated and in the things which he has done, but Bishop B. F. Lee will live in the principles of thought and action which he has implanted in others, and in the principles of thought and action which he has developed in the church.

When Bishop B. T. Tanner is dead he will still live in books and literature; when Bishop H. M. Turner is dead he will still live in notions and activities; when Bishop B. F. Lee is dead he will still live in the character which he has given to men, to conferences and to organized activities.

Literature, actions and principles are here brought to play their several parts in the development of the church. In the present day Bishop H. M. Turner has the more popular role. The chief characteristic of this period of our church history is "affairs," and the most conspicuous and active man is popularly considered the greatest, but the thoughtful know that back of activities must be great thoughts and back of great thoughts must be great character. Bishop H. M. Turner represents the activities, Bishop B. T. Tanner the thoughts and Bishop B. F. Lee the character. Nothing can be more difficult than to try to present to the average mind an idea of the real value of such a man as Bishop Lee. His great qualities are not of the kind that catch the eye, that flash and dazzle, neither are they the kind that amaze and awe, but they are such as must be felt rather than seen, must be imbibed rather than studied.

The general tendencies of a man are born with and in him, but the relative development and symmetrical proportioning of these tendencies into character are due to such influences as those that spring from accidental environment and direct training. The first great fact in determining the character of Bishop Lee is his parentage. The second great determining fact is his early home training and environment. In his youth the play of forces outside of his Christian home also had some marked effects, but the early home influences predominated and at an early age we find him at Wilberforce struggling hard for an education.

The influences which planted in his heart a fixed desire for education and for an earnest, useful career furnished the motive force that has laid back of and been enfolded in all of his subsequent life. The purpose was early strengthened and developed by the difficulties that were confronted in the attempt to execute it. At the same time the attempt to carry out the ever-increasing purpose of his life developed and strengthened his character so that when B. F. Lee graduated he had at once a fixed life purpose and a well-formed and firmly set character.

It is not surprising that one who was forced by economy to make a scant meal of bread and milk and to wear one suit from year to year should have little of the love of amusement in his makeup. It is natural that in after life he should be austere and ascetic.

One who was forced to keep up with his class and yet labor six days in the week would naturally have little patience with idleness and little sympathy for those who lack persistence. Bishop Lee demands of those under him that they work and be strong of purpose. How could he do otherwise? Bishop B. F. Lee is the bright flower of the most earnest period in the history of African Methodism. He came on the stage in the days when Bishop Payne was at his prime and when the church enjoyed its season of highest ideals of ministerial qualifications and had its best and highest notions of the mission of African Methodism. He is the fruit of the best work of Wilberforce and the product of the sternest and most manly of upward struggling. Each promotion that has come to him from the church has been entirely due to and inspired by the appreciation of solid and good character and was the outcome of an unconscious desire to vindicate real worth and merit as against flash, demagoguery and self-seeking.

Bishop B. F. Tanner was elected by an unconscious assertion by the church of its appreciation of learning; Bishop H. M. Turner was elected by the men through an unconscious desire of the majority to vindicate itself by giving honor to its most typical representative, but Bishop Lee was elected by the church through the irrepresible, although unconscious desire of all to openly honor the most fitting representative of the traits truest and best that they felt within their souls.

When B. F. Lee was elected Bishop every African Methodist preacher felt that somehow the church was a little higher, a little better and that he himself was somehow made a little better man by the act that paid due honor to the qualities represented by Bishop Lee.

Bishop Lee is not only a well-educated man, but he can properly be called a learned man. He is not only a man of great knowledge, but he is also an earnest, intense and profound thinker. He has little tendency to put his thoughts into books, but his most pronounced inclinations are toward the planting of the principles which he discovers into character and conduct.

He has the fearless candor and rugged honesty of his early friend, Bishop James P. Shorter, and also has the lofty goodness of his early preceptor, Bishop Payne, but these qualities are mingled with a simplicity and earnestness of character that are entirely his own.

The most weakening defect in this great character is a morbid sensativeness to criticism. This is, perhaps, largely due to that modesty which makes him shrink from opening his secret heart to the rude and unsympathetic gaze of the world. There are those who claim to have discovered, even in so good a man, a disposition to allow his displeasure to become tainted with ill-feeling toward an offender and expressed in attempts to injure such an one. Whether this be true or not the future historian will discover when he comes to study men from the impartial standpoint of a remote investigator, Bishop Payne was

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"THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG."

POINTED STATEMENTS---HOT SHOTS FROM A "BIG GUN."

Booker T. Washington and His Work--The Political Status of The Negro---What the Destiny?---Two Views.

Editor The Freeman—In an article appearing in your paper of the 8th inst. by your talented and courageous correspondent, the Rev. James Henderson, there appears the statement, among other things, that the Charleston News and Courier accredits Mr. Booker T. Washington with having recently visited the President of the United States with the intention of advising against the appointment of colored men to office in the South, and for the reason that the same "stimulates an ambition among their friends and the members of the race generally to seek a living by politics instead of by trades and other industries, and has a demoralizing influence. At the same time it provokes hostilities."

This crafty, demagogic, race-debasing sentiment is not to be believed as having been uttered by Mr. Washington. I have watched Mr. Washington's labors for these many years. I have heard an address delivered by him in the city of Detroit on his labors among his race, and his plans for its elevation—and I found no just cause of complaint of what he said, while I thought his plan was not wholly effective in producing the reform sought after, yet I continue to hear what Mr. Washington "has said" in derogation of the manhood—rights of his race—my race, and I wait for a contradiction by him and see none, he preferring, I suppose, to show his faith by his works. Nevertheless I am driven to the conclusion that the good Mr. Washington is doing is not half so potent as the alleged evil he says. This worshiping of Mammon seems to be the root of it all. Here is my chart for the education of the Negro, namely, a ladder with one end on the ground and the other amidst the stars. Then his ascent will be that of all mankind, each round being reached by the one succeeding the other. Why otherwise? Why a ladder with rounds half way for the Negro—or even at different spaces?

Again it is this constant accusation of what our leaders (?) say by which we are judged. Out of our own mouths proceedeth evil. I am not to be understood as denying the great good Mr. Washington has done and is doing in his work of industrial education of our race, but I protest against using it as a panacea for all wrongs done us, all rights and privileges denied us, and as a solution of the so-called Negro problem.

The strangest and most suspicious feature is that those who deny us our rights as citizens, who assert our inferiority as a race, who assign us to a particular place in civilization among men, and who declare that our destiny is to be "hewers of wood and drawers of water," endorse Mr. Washington's plans and views of the elevation of the race. If so is the reverse true that Mr. Washington endorses their views?

It is true that an industrial education to the exclusion of a liberal or classical education will best subserve the interests of the Negro in the South? I would have the Negro learn trades, engage in agricultural pursuits, but I would not teach him that these is his destiny. A classical or professional education is as much his rights as it is the Anglo Saxon's right and privilege. How can he attain the standard of civilization of his white fellow citizen if he is proscribed in his endeavors for advancement? This idea that we are by God set apart as an inferior race is crystalized by gifts and donations limited to a class of endeavors. It is to be ob-

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METHODISM IN TENNESSEE

THE PULPIT AND THE PEW ALIKE CONDEMNED BY A PROMINENT

Divine who Puts Some "Painfully" Pointed Questions to Both—The Shot Has Been Fired—Who is Hurt? Food for Thought.

Under this caption special reference is made to the church in Middle and East Tennessee. For more than thirty years the banner of African Methodism has been unfureld in the Volunteer State. The fathers have all either gone to their reward on the other shore or have been sent home to rest, and as a reward for their past service are placed upon the pension list with an annaul stipend ranging all the way from $10 to $25 per annum. A Shame!

African Methodism is more a principal than a church. Were it not so these old heroes refered to above, would seek shelter in a church that is able to show more consideration for their interest in their declining years. To a carful observer it will readily appear that much if not most of that Methodist zeal and holy fire of twenty five years ago, has about died out. Who is to blame? The pew blames the pulpit. The pulpit blames the pew. Let us look at it in the light of facts. "Up-to-dateness" and "down-to-dateness" in the church, has, to my mind, pressed the life out of the church.

What has become of the "Friday Fast Day?" Who killed the "closed doors Love Feast" in the church? How do we account for the singingless congregations? Who has forbidden the "mothers and fathers" to kneel in prayer upon entering the church? Why does the congregation now sit erect, whisper and chew wax during prayer? Why do scores of Methodists especially in the cities positively refuse to attend class meeting? What has become of the weekly prayer meetings? Why are so few children baptized in the church? These are questions that confront the Methodists of this section.

Then again, I ask, was it ever wrong for church members to attend theatres, go to circuses, bet on horse races, get drunk, play cards, and dance at balls? They do all these things now, and will argue in favor of their harmlessness with the single exceptions of drunkenness Even in the case of drunkenness, many will raise war against the minister who place the whisky drinkers under the discipline of the church. I opine that the ministry as a whole is largely responsible for the present low ebb of the tide of religions.

The presiding elders have buried the "Fast Days" and "Love Feasts," of the good old days gone by. I shall not proceed in this article to state how, but if any one questions my views I will explain latter.

The pastors have crucified the song-life in the church, by putting all the song service in the hand of the choir. Many times the singing of the choir is simply an exhibition of some local musical genius(?) or the rendition of some "Anthem" that is a little more than a jig, with no Christ in it, no heart, no life.

The congregation is entertained as it would be at an opera, while the souls of the people are starving for the "Bread of Life," which is brought to us only through the "Song of Zion," and the wholesome preaching of the word. Indifference as to the weekly meetings, and irreverence for divine service on the part of the people is the direct result of the tide of worldliness that is sweeping over the land like a wave of the ocean. In this the preacher is in a certain degree responsible.

The ministry of to-day is to apt to cater to the whims of the people. The "bush preacher" is influenced by the notions of the back-wood congregation, the town and city preacher is moved to act in accordance with the conventionalities of city life, or, to be plainer, more in accordance with the ideas of his respective congregation.

Quarterly meeting were at one time, great events in the Methodist church. They are now tho minor concerns of the church. In some places a quarterly meeting conference means little or nothing.

In the days of the Hurleys, Merrys Earlys, Mitchems and Greens, the church prospered spiritually as well as financially under their regime as presiding elders. It may appear pessimistic to say that for the last ten years the African Methodist fire has been gradually dying out.

The Tennessee Conference at its last session, witnessed the pleasantest closing that is know to the memory of the oldest members. The cause of the rejoicing was the appointment of the new set of presiding elders.

Presiding elders like pastors become stale. It is a mistake to think that a presiding elder remains always fresh. The people desire a change in presiding elders as much as in pastors. Rev R. A. Hill's appointment over the Tullahoma District met the hearty approval of the entire conference. Rev. G. R. Norman's elevation to the presiding eldership was a deserved compliment, and his many admirers rejoiced to see it. Rev. Norman is one of the strongest men in the Conference though, on account of his quiet easy manner, but little is said of him. He is the lawyer of the Conference.

Rev. Bedford Green was returned to the presiding eldership. His failing health made it impossible to continue longer in the pastorate (from the Bishop's point of views.) In Tennessee it is considered that a weak man may better preside over a whole district than over one church.

Rev. S. R. Reid's career since the rise of the last conference has been rather checkered. He was appointed over the Columbia District, the leading district of the conference. He was subsequently given the charge of the much coverated Avery Chapel of Memphis, where he had previously pastored for several years. But it seems that a new crop has grown up since. Dr. Reid left Avery with colors flying a few years ago. This new generation was not disposed to strew flowers for "Pap Ried." He is now presiding elder of the Louisville District in Kentucky, his old home.

Rev. J. A. Davis the electric battery of the Conference is sailing upon a calm sea at St Paul, Nashville. The church is spiritually and financially alive. Dr. Davis is Bishop Salter's private secretary. Many say that they had rather that such was not the case, but the church does not seem to suffer under this strange condition of things. It is a bishop's prerogative to employ a private secretary but they usually have one who is not a member of the Conference over which he is presiding, for no member of the Conference is supposed to know or should know the appointments before they are read out. But then this is a period of strange things. Bishop Salter's head is level. The Ninth Episcopal District will not lag under his administration.

J. A. JONES.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Tuskegee Institute.

According to the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Tuskegee (Alabama) Normal and Industrial Institute, recently issued by Principal Booker T. Washington, there have been during the late session 1,072 students in the institute, of which about one third were women. The average attendance is about 850. Mr. Washington speaks of the great usefulness of the institute in giving to Negroes the sort of industrial training in carpentry, brick-laying, tailoring, sewing, housekeeping, and the like, which in slavery days, used to be sytematically undertaken on the larger plantations. There is need of present industrial teaching which goes beyond this, and includes intelligent agriculture, dairying, mechanical and architectural drawing, and the making of estimates and contracts, all of which are required to enable Negroes to compete with intelligent white labor, and especially with the foreign skilled laborers who are fast coming into the South. The special necessities of the institute are for money for a new trades building and for endowment and current expenses. An endowment fund of $500,000 is named as the institution's chief requisite; but it also wants $10 000 for a dormitory for women, $10,000 for a dormitory for men, $4,000 for a hospital, and $10 000 for the better equipment of various industrial departments, as wall as permanent scholarships of $1000 each, sums of $200 to carry a student through the four years' course, and the sum of $50 annually to pay the tuition of one student.

The great usefulness of the Tuskegee Institute as a means of developing and improving the Southern Negro is very generally recognized. The rudiments of self-help are taught there. It is the spirit of the place that has made so notable the annual Tuskegee Conference, which begins this year on February 23rd. Harper's Weekly.

A Grand Recital.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

Wilbert W. Fields Sundayed in Canton. The Knights of Tabor have removed their headquarters to the Tooke Building on Sixteenth and Blondeau streets. Rev. G. M. Tillman of Bethel church will open a revival meeting shortly. Miss Ella Drain will give a grand piano recital in Bethel church on the evening of Feb. 21. This promises to be the most artistic musical event ever launched in colored musical circles, and for this occasion the cream of Keokuk's musicians have been engaged. None but classical music of a high order will be used. C. A. Harris, one of the trusted employees of the Keokuk house, has resigned. Mr. Wilson has opened a meat shop on Eleventh and Main streets, where a choice assortment of the best meats may be found. Frank Fields has removed his barber shop a block lower on Main street. The Freeman is on sale at Albert Johnson's barber shop every Saturday morning. Miss Sadie A. Benthan is an applicant for the position of clerkship in the post-office, a place she is well qualified to fill. It is rumored that another of Keokuk's well-known and popular young ladies will embark on the matrimonial sea at no distant date, and as usual the Keokuk boys are again left. Sir C. H. Brooks left to-day for Ottumwa to be absent several weeks in the interest of the Knights of Tabor. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Walker pleasantly entertained a large company of friends Thursday evening at their home, 219 N. Tenth street. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dixon charmingly entertained a few of their friends at a four o'clock dinner last Sunday afternoon in honor of Mrs. L. Moore, of Louisville, Ky. Those present were: Geo. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Yeiser, Rev. J. W. Muse, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Martin, Miss P. C. Warren, Miss M. Shaminghouse and Miss F. Russ. The concert consisting of the small children of the Seventh street Baptist Sabbath school, given Friday evening was largely attended. Mrs. Charity Wilkerson, of 531 N. Tenth street, slipped and fell on the icy pavement on New Year's Eve and broke her arm. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dixon entertained at dinner Thursday afternoon Mrs. Pauline Davidson of Park Place. Miss Freda Davis is confined to her home with diptheria.

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Meeting of the Douglass Club.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Wilhelmina, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Burton, is very sick. Mrs. L H. Lenis has been very ill but is convalescent. Bly, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, has been quite ill but is improving. Mrs. J. D. Hall, of Chicago, Mrs. George Bradley, of Kokomo, Ind., Mrs. Susie Roberts, Mrs. C. L. Sanders and Mrs. F. M. Hill are at the bedside of their father, J. R Bradley, who is dangerously ill. The Frederick Douglass club was entertained Tuesday evening, the 11th inst, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley. The program opened with an instrumental selection. China was the subject for consideration. The Chinese Empire and its present troubles were presented by Mrs. Wheatley. "The Inhabitants of China and its Commerce," by Mr. Evans; a talk on the government of China was given by Rev. T. C. Johnson; "The Emperor of China, Kuang Hsu," was the subject of a paper by Mr. Wheatley; Mr. Williams presented a fine paper on the "Religions of China and their Origins." The line of study the club is now pursuing is a most interesting one. In no time in the history of the club have the meetings proved more profitable. The 14th day of February, the birthday of Frederick Douglass, the club expects to hold a memorial meeting. The subject for this week is "Greece." The meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Wheatley. All who are interested in the club and its work are invited.

Accidently Drowned.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Grant will be pained to learn that their little son, James Blaine, was drowned Thursday, Jan 6th. The little fellow had been playing around the mill only a few minutes before it was stopped by something getting into the wheel. The miller went to remove the obstruction, and imagine his surprise when he discovered the body of the little fellow drowned. John Hicks and Miss Anna Scruggs were married at the bride's home on Tenth street, Thursday night last. We wish them a long, happy and prosperous married career. W. M. Rowan has associated himself in business with R. J. A. Jones as coal and wood dealers. Mr. Jones is a man with much business experience, and Mr. Rowan is a young man of hustling qualities, and the firm is much strengthened by his addition. Let everyone show his race pride by paying for some race paper. The Freeman leads them all. Wm. S. Lowe, 827 Catherine street, is agent, and delivers papers each Sunday morning, or will receipt you for $1 and the paper will come by mail for one year. The Immaculate hall was a scene of loveliness and beauty last Thursday evening when the Manhattan and Eureka clubs jointly celebrated their second anniversary with a brilliant reception. An orchestra discoursed delightful music throughout the evening. Never before did the girls appear more charming. Mr. Frierson as toastmaster, called on the following persons: Chas. H La Prade, "The Friendship Existing between the Clubs and Guests;" C. R. Holmes, "The Guests;" Albert Owens, "The Manhattan and Eureka Clubs;" Miss D. Lowndes, "The Lady Guests;" These clubs may congratulate themselves for having as their presidents such wide-awake young men as Will H. Proxine and Fred Durroh. Many guests were present.

Installation of Officers.

Gainesville, Tex., Special.

The following persons were installed for officers in the O. E. S. for the ensuing year: A. E. Gradney, W. P; Mesdames M. Gradney, W. M.; J. N. Moss, secretary; D. Hendrick, W. T. Rev. F. G Davis, S. M. of the Baptist church, held a missionary meeting here. Revs. Dupree and M. McKissic are in city. Mr Fletcher left on the 9th inst., to attend school at Wiley University. He has made many friends during his short stay in the city. The Lyceum, of which he is president, prays that success will be his. Geo. Billingsly and Marion Crutchfield, have moved to the city to educate their children. J. T. Frazier has a very sick child. Roy Carr is on the sick list. The debate last Thursday night in the Lyceum was made very interesting, so much so that the old took part. Little Chester Coffee, who has been sick so long is walking about. Miss Nettie Spencer has recovered from a severe spell.

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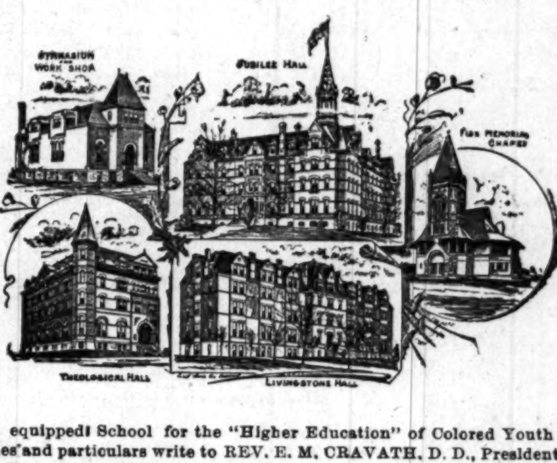

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CHARTER XXI

When she returned, Miss Brandus found Mr. Draper anxiously waiting. Most of the men were at dinner, among the number Clifford, who paid his back board of ten dollars and changed the money up in small bills so he could pay several small debts as he established once more the "rob Peter to pay Paul" system for the benefit of his fellow employees from whom he had borrowed small amounts. Brown was one of his creditors and meeting him on the street Clifford remarked with the cool nerve no other human being ever possessed:

"Hey! Forrester, I heard of your loss this morning. I feel sorry for you, but you should have known better than to leave money in your coat among a lot of turks, flannel-mouth Micks, Toms, Dicks and Harrys, and—by the way, I owe you six dollars, and as I have five now I'll pay five on account."

He then pulled out five one dollar bills and commenced to place them in the willing hand of Brown with the remarks:

"One, two, three, four, fi—say Forrester this is all the money I have in the world; I borrowed ten dollars from a dude friend, who was blowing in his money and have spent five dollars of the money, so by G— I can't give you my last cent, so I'll only pay you four dollars on account."

"Don't rob yourself Clifford, although I need the money as I may be discharged, and what's far worse locked up."

"Oh I don't think it will amount to all that," replied Clifford across whose conscience flashed a feeling of remorse for his action which feeling was followed by a flash of pity for Brown. These feelings were, however, shorter than the duration of a lightning flash, after which Clifford was himself again and quietly went his way. It was an old dodge or trick of his to pretend he was going to pay the full amount of a debt, then suddenly remember his circumstances and withhold one half or one third of the same; by so doing he left the impression upon the minds of his fellow employees that he was honest at heart.

To return to Miss Brandus and Mr. Draper in their hunt for the money Clifford had in his pocket. In the preparation of either weal or woe, for friend or foe, a woman always uses deception as one of the ingredients. If the dose is for a man, several parts of the same is made up of deception. She justifies herself by saying that the end to be reached pardons the steps taken to reach it. If her conscience does not bother she gloats over the fact that "you can always fool a man no matter how sharp he thinks he is." Miss Mary Brandus was only a woman. Before going to lunch (or at least to the bank) she took a blank "C. O. D." envelope and writing upon its face the name and address of Rev. J. Glover with the amount of $83 tore this duplicate in five pieces, (pieces that could be put together with ease) and stuffed them in her pocket. She knew that the closet was a dark one, as it was situated under the stairs going up to the second floor, so she took a candle and followed Mr. Draper to the door; as they were about to enter she blew out the candle with the remark:

"There the candle is out. Have you a match, Mr. Draper?"

Draper felt in his pocket as he stood by the door of the closet, and Miss Brandus pushed by him and stood in the door way. She had in her hand the frangments of the envelope which with the skill and quickness of a woman she threw in the corner of the semi-dark closet. Mr. Draper had no matches in his pockets, as he did not smoke. Miss Brandus concluded as much and remarked:

"If you have no matches in your pocket, Mr. Draper, I'll go over to the office and get some," knowing full well he would say as he did, "No, Miss Brandus, I'll go and get some."

While he was gone Miss Brandus quietly secreted the roll of $83 in the far corner of the closet and waited for her employer's return with the matches. When the candle was relighted they both entered the closet when Miss Brandus "discovered" the bits of the envelope.

"Oh, Sir! this looks like a clue. Now here is an envelope with the name, address and amount of the sum lost. Now it is logical to suppose that who ever took the money tore up the C. O. D. envelope, and after all the fuss about the money for fear the men might be subjected to a search, secreted it somewhere in the court room—that's logical so let's look for the money."

"Yes, by Joe, that's logic; let's look; I can't believe that boy Forrester took it."

They looked in all the corners of the room and soon the eagle eye of Draper saw the money in a far corner and picked it up, remarking:

"Here it is, Miss Brandus! Here it is! Now by Heaven! the next thing is to find out who the guilty party is and—"

"Sufficient for the day is the finding of the money Mr. Draper. We'll try and find out the thief later on."

"Well, that's so. I'm glad we found it. I'm glad that Forrester was innocent because I like him; he's so business like. A smart fellow that Forrester; too bad he's colored or I'd make him salesman. Tell him about it when he comes. I'm going to luncheon," and Draper walked out of the store.

Our hero returned a few minutes later with a sad heart.

"Cheer up, Forrester; the money has been found," said Miss Brandus.

"The—money—has—been—found?"

"Yes sir. Mr. Draper and I found it at noon in the coat room in a corner. Here it is." And she displayed four new twenty dollar bills, one new two dollar bill, and one old one dollar bill.

As smart as woman is she does not always cover up her tracks, and the thinking man soon discovers the same. Miss Brandus left her tracks uncovered when she exhibited the bills. It flashed across Brown's mind in a minute the true situation. He reasoned thus:

"Now this young miss, actuated by sympathy, has replaced the money lost, for the money I took in was one old ten dollar bill, four old fives, one new fifty, and three dollars in silver, one silver dollar, three halves and two quarters."

He looked her full in the eyes with a soul of deep gratitude. He spoke not a word, but she, mind reader as she was, knew his conclusions, and—he, mind reader as he was, knew he was right in the same. He at last found words to say:

"Miss Brandus I am very thankful to you for helping me out of my trouble, and until you are financially repaid I can say no more."

"What do you mean?" she askd with an air of ignorance.

"Must I be pointed?"

"Yes sir."

"Well, I mean that you replaced the money for me."

"I replaced the money for you?"

"Yes miss, for which I thank you."

"Why Forrester! Are you crazy? Why should I re—"

"Actuated by sympathy—by a fellow-feeling."

She did not reply and our hero continued:

"You drew that money from the bank I know for the reason the money I took in was one old ten dollar bill, one new fifty dollar bill, four old five dollars and the rest in silver and—since I recall it I saw you go up the steps of the Dime Saving Bank at Thirty-third street and Broadway to-day noon or at least a person dressed as you are now dressed."

He looked a look of—well, gratitude at those sweet blue eyes, and their owner could not help from saying:

"Well, I will confess—guilty parties when caught always do—that I did replace the money from my private account of ninety odd dollars because I knew you did not take the money, and because I know from the conversation I overheard between you and Cross (who by the way I do not like) that you could not do so."

"Then let me say—"

"Say no more—here comes Mr. Draper. Don't breathe the matter to no one. They say a woman can't keep a secret and I am going to see if a man can."

They exchanged looks or at least had a conversation with their eyes—an ocular conversation in which there was far more sympathy and gratitude.

"From lowest place, when virtuous things proceed.
The place is dignified by th' doer's deeds."

"With more than human gifts from heaven adorned,
Perfections absolute, graces divine,
And amplitude of mind for greatest deeds."

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The Negro American Academy.

From the Washington, D. C., Evening Star.

Wide possibilities open before the Negro American Academy now holding its first annual session in this city. This new institution aims at the elevation of the Negro race through educational enlightenment and should develop into a conservative, serviceable factor in the line of its purposes. The Academy seeks statistics as a basis for future work. It attacks the subject in a scholarly manner and from the standpoint of investigation. There does not appear any sign of a disposition to accentuate the race feeling in any section, but the inspiration of the movement seems to be a scientific desire for information. Much good can be accomplished by such an organization carefully conducted. One of the most remarkable achievements of the latter part of the century is the work that has been done by Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee, Ala., toward the academic and industrial education of the men and women of his race, but even more remarkable is the spirit with which that work is regarded by the people of the South. Nothing is heard from them about this endeavor but praise. Washington is one man out of a great host, a natural leader and creator. He is earning an international reputation for his intelligent development of certain educational theories and for his practical suggestions to the people of his own color. This new Academy can well foster the spirit with which the white people regard this and similar works among the Negroes. There are many obstacles to complete success in the way of such an organization, but it seems now to be in careful hands, and through its publications and sessions it ought to sow good seed.

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R. E. SMITH.

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I. W. CUMMINGS.

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DENVER, COLO., Jan. 6, '98.

Editor Freeman:—Allow me to offer congratulations on that splendid holiday paper. The Freeman without any question is the only national Negro paper being published.

EDWIN H. HACKLEY.

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DETROIT, MICH., Jan. 8, '98.

Editor Freeman:—Your Christmas number was very interesting. The reading matter was perhaps the most successful and scholarly collection of race notes which has yet at any time appeared in any single race paper. I certainly wish you success in the work of inspiring race pride in our people which they so much need. May '98 be prosperous to you.

T. H. REGINALD CLARK.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9, '98.

Editor Freeman:—I received my cut last Saturday in good order. I read The Freeman with intense interest, and forgetting the fact that I was a contributor to the holiday number, I feel free to say that it has reached the high-water mark in colored journalism. In typographical appearance and general "get-up," it is the peer of any Caucasian weekly, and its columns embrace many features that are conspicuous for their absence in colored journals. The race is proud of The Freeman and its proprietor. May your journal continue to prosper under your wise and able management.

Yours truly,
W. T. MENARD.

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Respectfully,
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We would to God that the preacher, the teacher and the press would confederate themselves and thereby devise some plan whereby the Negro could see himself as he is, and surely, surely, as a natural consequence, he would change from fanaticism to true, religious worship, and instead of our churches being an impediment, they would be a good source of religious instruction. The Negro must be like the Plebeians of Rome, or the Barons of England, who confederate themselves and compell men to legislate in their power. The Negro populace of Glasgow, like many other cities, is dying for the want of leadership and the bread of life. We have several intelligent ladies and gentlemen, among whom I can name: W. L. Bowman, J. T. C. S. Manier, James Murrel, Nellie Murrel, C. B. Wood, L. B. Lee, J. E. Rush, J. H. Davidson and L. G. Owens, who are trying to do all in their power to elevate their race, but the way seems dark and gloomy. Long live The Freeman.

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CUNEY'S LETTER.

On reading the letter, published in last week's Dallas Express, by that able and venerable politician, Hon. N. W. Cuney, we were filled with regret at the way in which that gentleman, in whom, as a leader, there is so much to admire, paid undeserved tribute to the national Requblican party. We say lent influence, and we do so advisedly, for most any recommendation or suggestion emanating from one so prominent, so rightly prominent as is Mr. Cuney carries with it a mighty influence.

We can understand why just after a presidential inauguration the Indianolis Freeman can so erroneously and so shamefully assert that the Republican party is responsible for Negro manhood. When Hon. John P. Green opposed the race's best interests in the recent Ohio campaign we knew it was but a part of his "stamp act;" but when such a giant as N. W. Cuney indulges in blind devotion to the Republican party for what it may have been decades ago though now is not we deplore the fact as something approximating a calamity as far as the Negro of Texas is concerned.—Paul Quinn Weekly (Waco, Tex).

The Freeman does not attempt to speak for Cuney or Green, but it speaks for the Freeman. The Freeman's motives here are impugned. But at this very distant day from the inauguration the Freeman regardless of its failure in participating in the rewards is quite as strong in its faith as it ever was. It does not matter what engines of demolition were introduced for the reduction of the party, nor no matter how successful the attempts at destruction, the indestructible fact remains that the Republican party put the Negro on his feet. What that party has done subsequently, is doing, or may do is no part of the question. One might as well deny the mother that gave him birth as to try to efface a fact which is branded on the heart of the race. If there are scores to be settled with the party, they at least are not along these lines. All the philosophy in the world and fine spun stories can not destroy the minutest particle of matter, nor can they destroy the most inconsequential fact. See!

Hon. John P. Green delivered an excellent address on Charles Sumner before the Bethel Literary and Historical Association. He paid a fitting tribute to the very distinguished son of Massachusetts, who endeared himself to the Negro race when the Negroes stood in need of friends. His efforts on the Civil Rights Bill stamped him the man of the hour. The unconstitutionality of that measure says naught against the heart of him that could embrace all mankind.

A PROPOSED CONFERENCE.

It is proposed to issue a call for a Congress of Representative White and Colored Americans to be held in Omaha some time during the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition in 1898. The aim of such a Congress is to consider means of bringing about a better and more respectful feeling between white and colored Americans in all parts of the country, which will do much to remove the antagonistic and, even bitterly hostile, sentiments which, in many parts, characterize the intercourse between the two peoples and which, if not modified, must, sooner or later, result disastrously. The truest and highest development of a country is only possible when good will, sympathy and hearty co-operation exist among the peoples designated. Their absence is accounted for largely upon the ground of ignorance on the part of each, of the sentiments and inspirations which inspire and move the other. An exchange of views upon topics of vital importance to the whole American people by representatives of both classes and from all sections would tend to remove this ignorance.

The above is a portion of a circular letter signed by E. R. Overall, an influential colored citizen of Omaha, Neb. The letter tells its own story. The propositions set forth are all right and appeal immediately to the senses as worthy of the highest consideration. It is, of course, the old question over again, but a question nevertheless. The history of past conferences in such matters is not all that could be desired. Yet these past failures need not serve as criterions for future attempts.

The Bee, of Washington, says that Senator Hanna was successful because it had thus predicted—the sagacious Bee.

It is amazing what a great distance some people sniff danger. Ugly problems for the white laborers, indeed, and all because of a few mills to be operated by Negroes are contemplated.

Rev. Owen S. W. Smith, of North Carolina, has been appointed Minister Resident and Consul General to Siberia. From all accounts Owen is a highly capable man adn worthy of the honor bestowed upon him.

Prof. Edward C. Lucas, of Macon, Miss., a young man of decided ability is being pushed for the postmastership of that city. He is being supported by such men as Hon. Jas. M. Hill and Ex-Senator H. R. Revels, of Holly Springs.

Dr. W. H. Furniss of this city has been honored in his selection for the Bahian Consulship. He is in every way qualified for the important post, and doubtless will represent the country abroad with credit to himself, the race and to the country at large. He is held in high esteem in this city owing to his high attainments and general worthiness.

Booker T. Washington is being pretty thoroughly discussed in these days. The Bethel Literary and Historical Association, of Washington, D. C., has been paying its respects to him. The sentiment seemed to prevail that Washington's views could not be held as iron clad for all the people, but they were all right in that they helped to solve the problem, and that his contentions were tenable to that extent.

The corner stone of one of the three contemplated Negro cotton works will be laid in Concord, N. C., on February 1st. These movements are praiseworthy and should succeed by all means. It promises to give support to at least 1,000 colored men of those vicinities. The employment of these men means sustenance to about 5,000 people, who in themselves would make a village of considerable importance.

W. Frank Patterson, formerly of Crawfordsvile, Ind., but now of Belmar, N. J., is the publisher of a journal of that place, under the pretentious title of W. Frank Patterson's Weekly. Mr. Patterson has always been ambitious. He at one time was engaged in the pottery business, having a kiln for burning his wares. He is very well known in Indianapolis.

The seventh annual Tuskegee Negro and Worker's Educational conference will be held Wednesday and Thursday, February 23 and 24, 1898, respectively, at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. An effort is being made by Principal Booker T. Washington to secure reduced rates from all Southern points to these sessions, which promise in many ways to be the most largely attended and interesting of any yet held. Any further information desired respecting these conferences may be secured by adressing the principal.

The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute receives $2,000 by the will of the late Mrs. Jane Collins, of Cambridge, Mass.

The triumph of Hanna was a great moral victory. It will be a long time before the few will again attempt to defeat the verdict of the many, because the possibility seems to lie in their grasp. Success to Senator Hanna.

Eight Negroes killed in a drunken, gambling brawl is the astounding intelligence that comes from Middlesboro, Ky. Such wanton destruction of life is truly alarming. Battles have been fought where the mortality was no greater. It is to be hoped that occurrences of this kind will not often be repeated, as the tendency is to cheapen life.

The. appointment of Hon. R. T Greener to the Consulship of Bombay, India, is very fitting. Mr. Greener is one of the most prominent men of the race. He is held in high esteem in NewYork by all classes of citizens, as his very honorable connection with the Grant Monumental Fund Association shows. He was a success as a campaign orator, and did effective work for the Republicans in Kentucky and other states. The administration has chosen well.

It is said that there are seven hundred places to be given to the Negro contingent of the New York Democratic party. Some people do not like advice, but an ounce of sense will at once discover that this is the greatest bid for the Negro vote ever known. A very little comment is necessary on this point, but a whole sermon might be written. Suppose those tactics became universal? What then?

It takes quite an effort to draw solace out of the South Carolina situation, but the Sentinel seems to have gotten there. Carlyle said that fine words buttered no parsnips. So in this case, "resolute effort to advance in the scale of intelligence and prosperity" is very high sounding, but since such rapid strides were being made in this direction, so every one says, it is a little strange that the good work could not have gone on without this cold water process.

Bishop Turner, the senior bishop of the A. M. E. Church, has just met a calamity in the loss of his most excellent and devoted wife. She was a woman of attainments and was quite as active as her distinguished husband in her ways. She was at the head or a member of half a dozen institutions, all charitably disposed. Her loss will be seriously felt by these institutions and by those who were recipients at her bounteous hand. They do not suffer alone, for the race loses largely in her taking off.

A National Negro Exposition for 1900 is one of the schemes now on foot. Richmond, Va., in all probability will be the place selected for this very unique undertaking. The South in its state of isolation can very well see the necessity and the feasibility of such an enterprise. The people are there, and the institutions controlled by Negroes are there, and there are no reasons why the undertaking should not be a brilliant success, the very annuuncement of which is dazzling. A preliminary meeting will be held in Richmond, Va., June 28, 1898.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

We hold that our people should do all in their power to cultivate and maintain the most cordial relations between themselves and their white neighbors and fellow citizens. The two races must live here together, and they should dwell together on the most peaceable terms. The welfare of all demands this. But this is not saying that the concessions necessary to the desired condition should all be made on one side. Self respect and self preservation require that the Negro know and take what is his in a quiet, intelligent, and manly way. Thus he will command the respect of his neighbors and preserve what properly is his.—The Afro-American Presbyterian.

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Many wise and far-seeing persons of the colored race are firmly of the opinion that the new South Carolina arrangements are to be welcomed rather than condemned. The coming generations will value citizenship the more highly because the exercise of full political rights can be gained only by resolute effort to advance in the scale of intelligence and prosperity.—The Southern Sentinel.

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There is a negro mill in operation near Columbia, S. C., and one in Concord, N. C., on Negro capital exclusively, and another near Selma, Ala. Taken all in all, says the Boston Post, there are as ugly problems ahead for the white labor of the South as there are for the mill owners of the North.—Chicago Tribune.

PROF. E. C. LUCAS,

Of Macon, Miss., is a Candidate for Postmaster—He is Highly Endorsed by the Leading Citizens.

Prof. Edward C. Lucas was born at Macon, Noxubee county, Mississippi, in 1863. He was reared in his native city and attended the common school, which afforded but little advantage for securing an education, but with pluck and energy he succeeded in fitting himself for a teacher. He studied at Roger Williams and Howard Universities.

In the early eighties Prof. Lucas was happily married to Miss America W. Robinson of Memphis, Tenn, one of the original Fisk Jubilee singers.

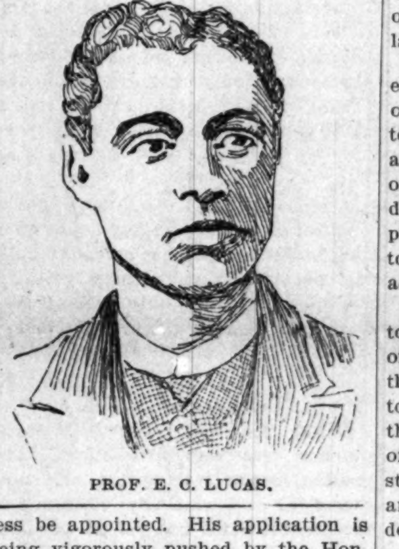
Two children are the result of this union, both of whom are students of high rank at Fisk.

Prof. Lucas is a gentleman who commands respect and occupies an enviable position with all classes. He has held the position of District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for Mississippi, was for two terms Special Deputy Collector for the New Orleans port under the bounty act of the Harrison administration.

He is one of the few colored teachers in the State who holds a "life time" State teacher's certificate.

As an applicant for postmaster in the town of his nativity he is making a bold, aggressive and gentlemanly canvass which is winning the plaudits of his competitors and friends.

The genial, affable, hustling "Ed," as he is often called, merits the position which he seeks and will doubtless be appointed. His application is being vigorously pushed by the Hon. Jas. M. Hill of Vicksburg and ex-Senator H. R. Revels of Holly Springs.


PROF. E. C. LUCAS.

The fact that Prof E. C. Lucas is a native of Mississippi, a life-long republican, ten years an active member of the State Executive Committee, was one of the original organizers of the party in his own county, has ever stood high in its councils, and is safely trusted as one of the most reliable lieutenants of the Hill faction in the State, is strong evidence in favor of his appointment. Indeed, we only express what is generally conceded when we say that no man in the community stands higher in personal esteem or business relations with all elements of both races than does Mr. Lucas.

He is an exemplary citizen and an inoffensive partisan, with an unbroken and irreproacnable record. The government could confer no higher honor upon the colored citizens of Northeast Mississippi than the appointment of Prof E. C. Lucas postmaster at Macon. The satisfaction would be contagious, because his papers at Washington bear the indorsement of the best citizens of the community, regardless of race or politics, as well as the unqualified indorsement of the County and State Executive Committees.

Death of a Well Known Character.

Clarksville, Tenn.—Special.— Nath Dixon was elected alderman of the Ninth Ward. His opponent, John Page, has held the position a number years. * * J. W. Jackson has moved from his old stand. * * G. P. Kellar has moved his stand to Strawberry street. * * "Uncle" Billy Hicks, a well-known character about town, died recently. * * Fire destroyed the household effects of Henry Smith recently. * * Miss Deanie Meriweather and Mr. William Henry Drane were marired at Fifth Ward Baptist church Jan. 12. The bride and groom are well-known society people and their friends offer congratulations. The wedding was regarded as a swell affair. * * Bill Adam was kileld by Louis Stacker Jan. 15th over domestic affairs of a long standing. * * Dr. Simkins is having a nice residence erected on Franklin street. * * The Great Western Quartette of Nashville, under the management of Hugh O'Neal, canceled their contract to sing with the Twilight Quartette and took a trip overland to Nashville.

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capable of this weakness and ere his noble career was ended this defect has become generally apparent.

But where is the human character without its defects? Man is made of clay, of iron, brass and of silver as well as of gold. We do not judge a man by his faults or by his most apparent virtues, but by what he really is. To know a man it is not enough to simply know the outward details of his life, but we must discover the inner secret of his purposes, his sympathies, his convictions and his motives. When we do push through the outer seeming and penetrate the hidden citadel of the soul and look upon its workings, its play of conflicting desires, emotions and purposes, its struggles between conscience and wishes, its remorse and its joys, and then behold the final stream of noble purposes that flows outward into earnest endeavor we know the man and can overlook the defects of his life as easily as we can the tiny specks and spots on a beautiful apple or orange.

It is thus that African Methodism studies her sons and it is thus that she judges them. Her fond hand rests upon the head of her impetuous Turner as lovingly as it did upon her lofty-minded and pious Payne.

If all the glaring faults of any of us were bunched up and held us we would be hidden behind the enormous pile, but our great and fair-minded church looks at the man with all his good and evil, his virtues and faults, and judges him for what he is worthh, when considered all in all. Thus we can with truthfulness point to Bishop B. F. Lee and say, "Behold a good man as well as a great."

A soul so lofty as to be lonely, a soul so sincere and earnest as to be unsocial and austere, a man born to take life in deep, somber earnestness, such is Bishop Lee.

The word of a man uttered like that is a voice direct from God's own will and word and yet its accents may sometimes be placed by personal feelings and endanger for petty reasons one when he for reasons that would at last awaken, save at any cost.

It is always a pity that natures so earnest and so intense as that of Bishop Lee should ever have to come in touch with the petty things of ordinary affairs and be called upon to deal with ordinary men, but even this discipline develops a charity in judgment and a patience in discipline that never fails to add to the beauty of the human character.

It is not the purpose of this article to recite a list of, with day and dates, of the events that mark the lives of the subjects sketched, but the aim is to discover and exhibit the men, the the real inner men, and to take note of the forces, influences and circumstances which have made them as they are and what they are. We are endeavoring to study characters, not careers, men, not personages.

Thirty years from now, when Allen's sons peer through the lengthening shadows of the years and behold those who were the life, the motive force, the embodiment of them, how will they see the great men whom we are now studying? Surely not in the glamour of the partiality, or the clouds of the prejudices of the present, but they will behold the solid skeletons of the great characters from which time has stripped the flesh of personal ambitions and of fleeting traits and left only that which was solid, worthy, true and imperishable.

Thus will the generations yet to be, look upon Bishop Lee and see in him as he stands out in the misty years a solid, earnest, honest, genuine man.

J. M. HENDERSON.

The First Colored Councilman.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Special. — Fate Carson left for Middlesboro, Ky., last week. * * There is to be a concert given by the Independent Methodist church choir at an early date. It will be a grand affair, as some of the best talent in the city will participate. * * The Marble City Band, under the leadership of Edward Wallace, was out several times last week. * * Richard Marble, who was very badly burned Christmas, is still in a very serious condition. * * Mrs. James Barnetts, who has been very ill for some time, is improving slowly. * * Fate Wiley, who has been in Chicago for some time, is home visiting relatives. * * Miss Amy Dickson left for Iowa last week. * * The concert at the Cosmopolitan Hall last week was fairly well attended. * * Charles, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall, died Saturday, Jan. 15. * * Mrs. Charles Ford has returned home from Pittsburg, Pa., where she has been attending the bedside of her daughter. * * Ed Scales of Mee street is quite ill. * * Eli Garnett of 622 Nelson street is on the sick list. * * Miss Hazel McGhee of Greenville, Tenn., has entered Knoxville college. * * Self Hankins is quite ill. * * Charles Floyd, the grocer, has removed his store from the old stand on Patton street to the Odd Fellow Hall. * * James Cole is home visiting his mother, Mrs. Harriet Piersol, who has been quite ill with pneumonia for some time. * *The first council of Greater Knoxville will have a colored representative in the person of Joseph Trigg, who received more votes than his three opponents. Mr. Trigg is, to say the least, a true gentleman, and should feel proud of the position. The election of Mr. Trigg goes to prove the colored people of the city are capable of electing a man if they will only stick together. * * Mrs. James Morrow, who has been quite ill for some time, is convalescing. * * Mrs. Grant Burts and Mrs. Wm. Lillson have returned from Cincinnati where they have been spending the holidays. * *Call at 207 Central avenue and get The Freeman, or notify H. A. Russell and he will bring it to your residence every Saturday.

Sarsaparilla Sense.

Any sarsaparilla is sarsaparilla. True. So any tea is tea. So any flour is flour. But grades differ. *You want the best.* It's so with sarsaparilla. There are grades. You want the best. If you understood sarsaparilla as well as you do tea and flour it would be easy to determine. But you don't. How should you? When you are going to buy a commodity whose value you don't know, you pick out an old established house to trade with, and trust their experience and reputation. Do so when buying sarsaparilla.

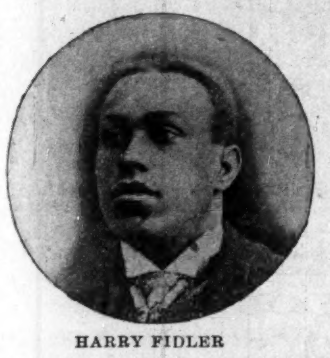
Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been on the market 50 years. Your grandfather used Ayer's. It is a reputable medicine. ***There are many Sarsaparillas—but only one Ayer's.*** It cures.

What They All Say—The Freeman Leads.

Eufaula, Ala. — Special. — Mr. Gus Askew, our leading blacksmith, says The Freeman is the best colored paper that comes to Eufaula. * * Edward Johnson has returned to Sheffield, Ala. * * Mr. J. M. Chisholm is a great admirer of The Freeman. * * Miss Ida Wade has been quite sick, but is better at this writing. * * Hand your news to the agent. * * The following names are subscribers to The Freeman: Mrs. Orrie Burks, Miss Carrie E. Hughes, Mrs. M. E. Seabrooks, Mrs. Lizzie Brown and Mrs. Sallie Wade. * * Mrs. Willie Pollard is quite sick. * * James Thomas is sick with consumption. * * The Freeman is the favorite paper here now because it gives the news of the race. Hand your subscriptions to the agent. * * Miss Maggie Shorter leaves this week for Birmingham, Ala. * * At a meeting of Pioneer Hook and Ladder company Jan. 4th the following officers were elected: Foreman, J. H. Hamilton; assistant foreman, G. T. Williams; secretary, James Pope, Jr.; assistant secretary, H. Cole; treasurer, W. W. Wallace; engineer, A. S. Perry; chaplain, T. W. Anderson. * * Mrs. Ida Harper left last Saturday for Birmingham, Ala. * * The public school is having a very smooth sail at present. The teachers, Profs. S. M. Murphy, W. D. Jackson, Misses Patterson and Dismukes, report a good attendance. * * Rev. E. S. Hicks is spending several days at his old home. He will leave in a few days for Blackshear, Ga., to take charge of the C. M. E. church. * *Rev. W. C. Banton filled the pulpit at New Hope A. M. E. church last Sunday morning. * *J. M. Chisholm, who returned here last fall, has opened a first-class tailor shop and is its chief promoter. * * Rev. R. T. Pollard peached an excellent sermon last Sunday night. * * Rev. J. B. Dodson is a great admirer of The Freeman, and says he can't get along without this race-defender in his home. * * The members and friends of the First Baptist church gave their pastor, Rev. R. T. Pollard, a surprise last Friday night. * * Thomas H. Smith and wife passed through the city last Saturday, en route to Parotte, Ga. * * Father Littleton preached an entertaining sermon last Sunday morning at St. Luke A. M. E. church. * * B. C. Johnson has purchased a house and lot on the corner of Washington and Van Buren streets. * * If you want to subscribe for a paper that will come regularly hand in your subscriptions to The Freeman representative. * * F. P. Butler and wife will spend Sunday in the country visiting relatives. * * Miss A. E. Fisher is teaching school at Louisville, Ala. * * Read The Freeman.

In Honor of Friends.

Springfield, O.—Special.—Mrs. Gains and daughters Selinia and Onella of Xenia, and Miss J. Nelson, were entertained Sunday at 6 o'clock dinner at the "Vandome" by the proprietor, Alex Wilson.



HARRY FIDLER

Hundreds know him. Thousands never heard tell of him. Harry Fidler, the principal comedian with Al G. Field's Big Colored Minstrels this season. Season '6-'97—John W. Isham's "Oriental America" and "Octoroons." Regards to all friends.

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Doc Sayles is still in Chicago.

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The Royals have closed with Isham's "Octoroons."

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Billy and Willie Farrell are this week at Tony Pastor's Theatre, New York.

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The Black Trio, Jones, Grant and Jones, are at the Chicago Opera House, Chicago, this week.

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Chas. H. Williams is making a big hit with Yellowstone Kit's medicine show through Texas.

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"Millie, the Quadroon, Out of Bondage," was presented by local talent at Beaver Falls, Pa., recently.

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The Blackstone Quartette is composed of the following vocalists: Conley, Porter, Dixon and Watkins.

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Al. G. Field's Big Colored Minstrels are booked to appear as follows: Pontiac, Ill., Jan. 21; Ottawa, 22; Elgin, 24.

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"Darkest America" played Frankfort, Ky., to S. R. O., and were compelled to close its doors at Lexington at 8:45.

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W. A. Porter, of Darkest America, has been on the sick list the past week. but is somewhat improved and able to be out of bed.

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Nathan Warner is the only colored opherclide soloist in America, and is making a big hit with the Canadian Jubilee Singers.

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Ben Hunn, comedian, while doing his act. Jan. 1, accidentally broke his leg in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is confined in the Brooklyn hospital.

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Lizzette Taylor, late of Al Martin's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company, and the Hyers Comedy Co., is resting at her home in Springfield, O.

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Warner and Lightfoot's mandolin and guitar duets are one of the features of the program with the Canadian Jubilee Singers.

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Kittie Brown, late of Sheridan & Flynn's 'Big Sensation," and Andy Hamilton, the jocky, were married recently in New York City.

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Prof. Oscar Lindsey's Orchestra, with John W. Vogel's "Darkest America," is one of the main features of the company and is the source of much comment after the rendition of its selections between acts.

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The McCabe & Young Comedy Co., presenting D. W. McCabe's latest success, 'Black Trilby," are playing to great business. D. W. McCabe, Dan Palmer and Misses McCabe and Thornton are playing the leading roles.

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During the engagement of Isham's "Octoroons" in Columbus, O., last week, they were entertained by the People's Orchestra, of that city Friday evening, from 6 to 8, and Sunday from 1 to 3 p. m., in the dining rooms of the Hotel Triplett.

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W. A. Calhoun of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, is organist for the First Congregational church Sunday-school (white) and pianist for the Y. M. C. A. (white) of that city. He is the only colored man that has ever held the above positions.

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James W. Gilliam, late band master of Richard & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels, and little daughter, Miss Edith Gilliam, made a flying trip to Indianapolis and spent several days with his parents. Mr. Gilliam is messenger in the Euclid Avenue Bank at Cleveland, O.

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Robt. N. Thompson's band with Al. G. Field's Big Colored Minstrels is fast becoming popular as a band of note. Just gaze on the repertoire, "Poet and Peasant," "William Tell," "The Merry Minstrel," "Ye Boston Tea Party," "Glenn Waltzes," "Golden Wand," and many others.

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In the person of Gill Garay of Jno. W. Vogel's "Darkest America," Cleo de Merode has but one dangerous rival. Mr. Garay is imbued with all the grace and natural traits of the great wizard of the fantastic skirts and adds much to forty-five minutes of grand opera in the last act of that company.

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E. O. Green, trombone soloist with the Nashville Student's Concert band, is proving himself an artist on his chosen instrument. The following was taken from a recent issue of the Witchita Eagle: "In the band concert at noon, E. O. Green, trombonist, showed that he thoroughly understood theslip pery trumpet. His tones being full, clear, intonation fine and attitude commanding.

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Jno. W. Vogel has made a new addition to his famous concert band, in the person of Mr. Matt Hensley, the Queen City famous alto player. The band continues to be the real thing and Faust, William Tell and Hungeroise Rhapsody are the latest additions to its vast repertory of music.

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Billy McClain and Mme. Cordelia of John W. Vogel's "Darkest America" seem to be the real things in their latest creation, "A Little of Any Old Thing." So pronounced were their efforts at Lexington, Ky., that although the lights were entirely extinguished in order to pacify the frantic crowd, it would not suffice and the great comedian was compelled to appear again and again, only to bow in obedience.

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P. G. Lowery, the celebrated cornet soloist and band leader of P. T. Wright's Nashville Students, has again been chosen as a cornet competitor in the Kansas musical contest, having been so informed recently by B. S. Hoagland, the secretary of the contest. Mr. Lowery says that since his training in Boston under the well-known cornet instructor, Prof. H. C. Brown, on tone and general cornet knowledge in full, he would feel very much disappointed to score less than a dozen points over any competitor in the State.

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The coming colored comedian, Mr. S. H. Dudley of Dudley & Harris, with the Nashville Students, is gaining a wide-spread reputation. He has proved himself the possessor of a active brain. He is justly termed the originator. He was recently introduced some new, bright ideas among his latest productions the "Mikado Overture," used as an opening with great success now with the Nashville Students. Arranged by Dan Desdunes. He is also storming the people nightly singing his old camp meeting Shout on the End, and as a comedian he has a naturally dry propensity that catches the high-class of theatre goers. All corersponding matter will be promptly attended to by addressing him to his northern address, Reece, Kan., care P. G. Lowery.

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Notes from the Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra.—We are still meeting with success in Massachusetts, playing mostly over the same route we covered last season, to even better business in most places. * * Nathan Warner, slide trombone and opherclide soloist, is roundly applauded nightly. * * Miss Daisy Underwood (Black Melba) is a pronounced success as the soprano soloist of the company. She is credited with being one of the best soprano soloists ever heard in this part of the country. * * J. E. Lightfoot (Jimmie Lightfoot), the original boy basso, is credited by the press and public wherever he sings as being one of the best colored bassos in America, and his double encores nightly show that he is pleasing the people in the East. His masterly rendition of the Armorer's song from "Robin Hood" in Holyoke called forth a triple encore.

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Notes from P. T. Wright's Nashville Students: "Bessie Gillam is fast gaining a reputation with her original and catchy style. She is singing her new coon song, 'Syncopated Sandy,' also 'There's No Coon One-Half So Warm,' with great success. * * Mr. Gordon C. Collins, whose cut appeared in the holiday number of The Freeman, was presented with a diamond pin on New Year's day by his admirer, Miss Cora Owens of Shawnee, I. T. His name is just enough to warn the public who he is. He is storming the country with his latest song, 'Sweet Thing Gone to Rest.' * * A. P. Harris is a gentleman in every sense of the word—if he has got the reputation of being a kicker; in addition to being an all-round performer he has the reputation of being the highest kicker in the colored profession. Mr. Harris has won in several contests with such people as Beeson & Fox, also Mullen & Ward. * * Here they are, the five leading soloists, all belonging to P. G. Lowery's famous concert band. M. M. McQuilly, baritone; E. O. Green, trombone; L. E. Gideon, cornet; Dan Desdunes, alto; John Stewart, tuba. * * Everybody reads the Freeman.

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J. Ed Green, our special correspondent with Richard & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels, writes: "We met Yellow-Kit's company at Ennis, Tex., and found everybody in the best of health and dong fine. The band of eight pieces, under the direction of Prof. M. A. Brown, is a great feature. Charles H. Williams, comedian with the same aggregation, is making a big hit singing his own song entitled, 'All colored Folks Look Alike to Me.' * * At Dallas Messrs. Allie Brown, Alf Stokes, Henry Carter, Pete Woods, J. Ed Green, Buddie Glenn, Will and Laurence Cheatham, J. W. Smith and A. J. Smith were initiated in the mysteries of the Knights of Pythias. The ceremony was performed after the show and lasted till the wee hours of the morning. All rode the goat like brave warriors. After an elaborate repast all went to the car as full-fledged Knights. The company now contains more Knights than any other on the road. Out of thirty-five members, twenty-seven are Knights. * * I visited the two colored papers while at Dallas, viz: The Item and The Express, and found them both progressing factions to the race. * * During the afternoon of the 12th at Dallas the Rev. Stokes, father of A. B. Stokes, cornetist, set an elaborate diner for the Georgias; but before the turkey was carved 'Dixie' had to be played. Every member of the company envy Alf such a dear old mother and father, as nothing in the house was too good for the gang. The Diamond Quartette rendered several selections for the Rev. Stokes. After wishing all good luck we smoked the pipe of peace on Robert Stokes, who is a thoroughbred boy."

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S. N. Edmonds, our special correspondent with John W. Vogel's "Darkest America," sends the following: "One of the grandest affairs that has ever been bestowed upon a theatrical organization for many days, was the reception and grand spread accorded John W. Vogel's "Darkest America" company during their engagement in New York City Christmas week. The affair being under the particular direction and auspices of the famous Douglas Club, is convincing evidence to any one who has ever visited the great metropolis why the affair was and should be all that could be expected from a social standpoint. The great company, which is composed of fifty members of natural ability, and which today stands second to none in the world of music, mirth and merriment, being headed by its famous concert band under the direction of Prof. Henderson Smith, were escorted in a body to the parlors of the Douglas Club, where gaity, sociability and luxury reigned supreme, and in a brief but very spicy little speech, which only adds to the much noted popularity of the world's greatest song-writer and composer, Mr. Gussie L. Davis, after being presented as master of ceremonies, introduced and welcomed the entire company and proceeded to entertain with the following grand program:

1. The Golden Gate Quartette.
2. Irving Jones—"Get Your Money's Worth."
3. W. L. Johnson, "Keep Yo' Hammers Down."
4. Hampton & Johnson, Banjo artists.
5. Bert Williams, "Look Out Down Dar' Below."
6. Silver Leaf Quartete.
7. Professor Henderson Smith's Concert Band.

"Poet and Peasant" Overture.
George Bailey, Trombone solo.
"Faust." Selected.
Waltz, "Among hte Pond Lillies."
Overture, "William Tell."
Clarence P. Jones, piccolo solo.
"Cotton Blossoms."

8. Charlie Johnson, "Give Me Your Eye."

The program concluded with Williams and Walker, the two real coons, in their latest and most decided success, "You's a Cheap Man an' You Won't Do."

Injured on the Ice.

Chambersburg, Pa.—Special.—Miss Arie A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams, fell on the ice and broke her leg. * * Dorie Merricks is again at the Hotel Washington. * * W. H. Washington drives the bus at Hotel Washington. * * Mrs. James Smith and Miss Gertie Cain spent Sunday at Greencastle. * * James Smith of the Montgomery House suffered a severe attack of rheumatism. * * Rev. Thos. Burl Sundayed at Greencastle. * * A successful revival is in progress at St. James A. M. E. church. * * Mrs. Mary Johnson and son Oliver of Harrisburg are here visiting relatives. * * Mr. and Mrs. George Wells are the proud parents of a bouncing boy.

Dots.

Easley, S. C.—Special.—J. R. Glover is still on the sick list. * * Rev. W. G. Deas preached at the M. E. church Jan. 16. * * Mr. and Mrs. Williams visited Mrs. M. E. White the 16th.

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served how readily some will give thousands of dollars to educate the Negro for the ministry or as a servant or mechanic, and deny the same for classical education or one of the professions. Shall we give this sinister purpose a helping hand at the expense of manhood's rights?

The wish of the Courier that there was a Booker T. Washington in every community may be both good and bad.

Let Mr. Washington go on with his good work in educating the Negro; but let him stop debasing him by his opinion that he is not entitled to the same degree of education as every other person, or that it is best that he should not have it. There is no limitation as to when the Negro shall take part in politics, but he seems to be excluded forever as not a good thing for him.

Now the Negro some day will take part in the politics of the South as he should. If unfitness is why he is excluded, then let Mr. Washington help fit him to enjoy so just a right and privilege. The opinion is going the rounds that Booker T. Washington opposes the Negro's advancement, except along the line of industrial education. Is this true? A denial may save harm. No just and noble soul in a white man will deny a Negro a penny to aid him in education as fully as he is capable of receiving, nor will he define his capacity without probation.

There is a class of colored politicians in the South that would make better farmers than politicians, but there are also colored farmers who are entitled by their industry even to take part in the politics of their country, who are denied this privilege. So that to be industrious even will not secure political rights to a colored voter south of the Mason and Dixon line. What then becomes of an industrial education being the remedy for existing wrongs towards us?

I further deplore the betrayal of our weakness and cupidity as Rev. Henderson did in his article when he asks. "What has become of Bishop Arnett's great influence over the President? We invested $200 in a bible and yet have secured no office of note for any of our church?"

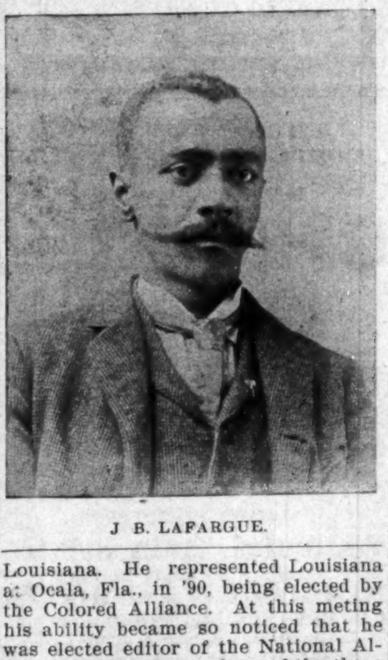
Does Dr. Henderson let the cat out of the bag? He generally knows what he is writing about. But what a shame, if true, and who can but feel the semblance of truth? And here again another leader (?) in a Bishop, hinders our progress by desire for power and influence. His intentions may be good, but his practice is harmful. What is true leadership? Have we a Parnell, a Joan of Arc, a Cromwell, a Toussaint l' Overture, a Maceo? Are such to be made by anybody but ourselves? If so, then he belongs to two races and his obligations are divided among them, and but little use to either.

Yours truly,

D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER.

J. B. LAFARGUE.

The subject of this sketch was born in Aroyelles Parish, Louisiana, June '64. He was educated in the public schools of his parish and worked in the printing office of the Marksville Bulletin for fourteen years. He took part in several republican campaigns and was once nominated for representative by his party. He was also nominated as alderman for the town of Marksville, being defeated by two votes. He was appointed commissioner for his parish to the Louisiana Colored State Fair at New Orleans by the Rev. J. W. Hudson, after which he moved to Alexandria in '87 and married Miss Sarah, Mayo, the daughter of ex-State Representative Hon. John Mayo, in '87. Since then he has chosen for his profession teaching and today stands as one of the leading teachers of Central Louisiana. He represented Louisiana at Ocala, Fla., in '90, being elected by the Colored Alliance. At this meting his ability became so noticed that he was elected editor of the National Alliance. In '91 the teachers of the three parishes met and formed an association, of which he was elected president, and has been ever since. In '95 he was appointed to represent Louisiana at the Atlanta Exposition. The same year he organized the first Negro newspaper of Central Louisiana, and is now its editor-in-chief. He attended the St. Louis convention and was elected usher.. The Negro National Press Association met on the 18th, after the convention, this being his first meeting in the Association. He was elected on the executive committee. In '94 he was appointed general manager of the Peabody Summer Normal, of which he is the founder in this state. He was appointed in '97 to represent Louisiana at the Tennessee Exposition, and while there read a strong paper which was highly commended by hundreds of newspapers. He was reappointed general manager for the Peabody Summer Normal for '97, which school at the close had an enrollment of 225 teachers. It was so well managed that letters of congratulation were received from the State authorities and Dr. J. L. M. Curry. At the closing of this school the teachers of fifteen parishes met and organized a State Teachers' Union, of which he was elected president. He has recently been elected W. M. of the F. and A. M. of this city. study of law. He is the founder of the For the past year he has taken up the movement to momorialize the Legislature to establish a colored Normal and Industrial school in this State.



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Doings of Enterprising Citizens.

Hartford, Conn.—Special.—There are vigorous efforts to launch a co-operative investment association among the colored people of Hartford. While the field seems ripe, it appears that a false agent has somewhat spoiled the territory in time past and the fish are not so ready to bite as before. However, it is a good idea and a thing most needed. A club has been formed and between forty and fifty dollars in cash has been paid in. Now if these few men will stick and continue success will surely come. They should at once seek to draw into their number the most intelligent and influential men of the race in Hartford. * * Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks of Asylum avenue pleasantly entertained Misses Anna Sparkes and Mary Johnson of Virginia last Sunday afternoon. * * Mr. and Mrs. Beins, on Albany avenue, royally entertained Mr. Anderson Lomax of Western Pennsylvania last week. * * Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, well known and highly respected citizens of Hartford, have returned much refreshed from their trip to Quincy, Ill., where they visited their brother. Robert Pam, since Nov. 15. Mrs. Jackson was very unexpectedly summoned home by the death of her mother. * * Henry Payton, who for many years has successfully conducted a high-class restaurant in Hartford, with intrepid zeal now contemplates branching out on larger scales. * * The Shields Bros., barbers on Pearl, corner Ford, gave a grand opening last Saturday evening. Cigars and holiday refreshments were served in abundance. The advertisement had its desired effect. The house was overcrowded. * * * A grand musical and vocal entertainment was given last Thursday evening at the Shiloh Baptist church by the famous Thomas family, seven in number, consisting of father and mother and five daughters. Their musical ability is admirable and highly commendable. Baby Susie, six years old, was the center of attraction. Her performance on the drum and piano was above the average.

A Weeks' Happenings.

Dyersburg, Tenn.—Special.—Henry Lawson is convalescing after several days' illness. * * Miss Elizabeth Connell gave the Sharp-Eckford Orchestra a reception Tuesday evening. It was a pleasant affair. * * Prof. W. H. Fort, A. B., a principal of the graded public school, this city, lectured at the First Baptist church on Wednesday evening. * * Prof. E. Walter Bailey, A. M., is the efficient preceptor of the C. M. E. church choir, one of the best choirs in the State. * * James Beard, formerly of Dyersburg, but now of Nashville, is visiting in the city. * * The Shakespearian Literary Circle's dinner was at the residence of Dr. A. A. Greenlee, M. D., 21 West Market street, instead of Rev. H. H. Greenlee. * * Mrs. Eliza Smith, 11 West Market street, is recovering from a recent illness. * * George Travis is on the sick list. * * John Hale, whose shop was burnt out recently has established himself again in the Tucker Block, North Main street. * * Thomas Jackson is now at the New Stevens House. * * Prof. James W. Fowlker is teaching at Samaria, Tenn. * * Mrs. Mary Ward has recovered from an attack of chills and fever. * * Miss Majellan Clay of Ripley, Tenn., is visiting Mrs. Jones at 13 West Market street. * * Mrs. Harriet Pritchit is much improved in health. * * Mrs. Martha Clark of West Cedar street is improving slowly from an attack of fever. * * Miss Sallie Furguson, who has been dangerously ill with throat trouble, is slowly improving. * * Samuel Mabens and sons have returned to Dyersburg after an absence of one year. * * Rev. Joseph Beaumont, father of the A. M. E. church in this city, is on the sick list. * * Messrs. Mit Parker and Enoch Lyle have moved to the city. * * Where The Freeman leads, others follow. * * Dr. W. F. Baker, D. D., pastor First Baptist church, this city, is out after ab rief illness. * * Rev. Mrs. Henry Bonnett has been on the sick list during the past week. * * Thomas Fowlkkes of Paducah, Ky., spent several days in thec ity during the past week. He left for Memphis, Tenn. * * Miss Massie Fowlkes has become quite a pleasing performer on the autoharp.

Opening of Turner Normal.

Shelbyville, Tenn. — Special. — Rev. Knight has gone to visit his family. * * The S. S. Review at South Chapel M. E. Church was quite interesting. * * The next meeting will be held at Woodfork Chapel A. M. E. Church March 27. * * The Turner Normal and Theological Institute had a grand opening on the 3rd. Addresses were made by Messrs. W. H. Gosling, J. R. Hunter, J. W. Scott, Dr. V. D. Turner, I. N. McAdams and others. Miss E. L. Mitchell read an essay which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. B. J. Burkeen presided at the organ. Miss Irene McKinney sang a solo which was highly praised. The beginning was indeed encouraging. More than fifty were enrolled the first week. The following teachers are in charge: President, B. A. J. Nixon, Mrs. M. A. Nixon, Miss E. L. Mitchell and Miss L. A. Halford. * * On the 9th H. Finey was caught in the large wheel of the Victor mills and instantly killed. * * The school of S. C. Rainey closed on the 18th. The exercises were held at Turner Hall. * * Miss Maggie M. Davis has been selected and will teach in Phillips' Academy. * * Rev. B. A. J. Nixon has arranged for a great financial battle for the new A. M. E. church, now being erected. He has organized an Allen Endeavor Society. * * The annual revival at the A. M. E. church begins Feb. 22. Revs. H. E. Rye, A. W. Thorne, R. J. Hogg, H. L. P. Jones, L. F. Burford and W. J Young will assist. * * * Mrs. Dr. Turner has been elected principal of the State Normal School at Columbia, Tenn. * * R. P. Purdy has begun his spring term at Wartrace.

Newsy Notes.

Union City, Tenn.—Special.—The reception tendered Rev. T. S. Johnson and Rev. L. J. Valentine, P. E., at Brown's Chapel Jan. 12th, was one of the grandest given this season. * * Nelson Hockett is sick. * * Rev. J. W. Morgan, pastor of C. M. E. church has moved here. * * H. D. Wells is the proprietor of a barber shop on First street. * * F. J. Jordan has opened a grocery and restaurant east of the M. & O. R. R. * * Mrs. Cora Jones, of Dyersburg, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Wade. * * The Freeman only $1 until Feb. 1st. E. L. Thompson agent.

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Mr. Fairbush of Buffalo, N. Y., is connected with the postoffice department as stenographer.

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Peterson, N. J., claims to have as a resident the last slave owned in that state in the person of Dianah Suiton who is said to be 105 years old.

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Miss Edna Williams is engaged as teacher in the public schools of Patterson, N. J., and her school is composed entirely of white pupils.

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Beaver County, Pa., has Andrew Tanner, colored, as its poor director; Washington County, Pa., has Joseph H. Simmons, colored as its jury commissioner.

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Baltimore, Md., has a new street cleaning district, which has been placed in charge of Joseph Cooper a colored foreman, who has a force of 10 colored men working under his direction.

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Hon. R. M. Smith is the first colored man in Virginia to receive an appointment under this administration. On Dec. 9, he was appointed deputy collector of customs for the Newport News District. He will be stationed at Old Point Comfort.

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The Rev. Owen L. W. Smith, of South Carolina, has been appointed United States minister to Liberia. The Rev. Smith has been a presiding elder in a North Carolina university and is looked upon as one of the leading colored men of the South.

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Owing probably to the scarcity of Negroes, the Berlin people are inordinately fond of them. One hears of many marriages here between white womem and colored men. Since last year a little pickanny, by the name of Quassi, son of a Cameroons tribal chief, is being educated here in the house of a wealthy dealer named Antelmann. This little fellow this winter is the declared darling of the highest aristocracy, especially of the ladies who kiss and hug and squeeze him fervently on all social occasions, receptions, bazars, balls etc. The tiny fellow who is as black as the ace of spades and has not yet forgotten the war dances of his native tribe, nor other heathenish customs, but who is, on the whole, rather a pretty sort of a little chap, has grown so used to being made much of that he takes it as his simple due and puts on airs. He has learned German like a native within fifteen months.

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Barton F. Powell of Albany, Ga., a colored man thirty-two years old, is one of the most successful farmers in the State. Twelve years ago he had saved up two thousand dollars with which he bought five hundred acres of land. He went to work on it and cleared twenty-five hundred dollars the first year. He has continued to add to his land possessions paying spot cash for every farm purchased, and is now the owner of twenty one hundred acres of land from which markets 400 bales annually. Besides his success on the farm he has developed the country store idea, and thus rakes in thousands of dollars a year. He also owns a comfortable residence in Bainbrige. His profits last year were over seven thousand dollars. He says that the question of social recognition doesen't trouble him so long as he can get recognition at the bank.

In Political Circles.

Columbus, O., Special.

Miss Fanny Jones of North Third street, is on the sick list. Chester, the adopted son of Mrs. Lax, who fell and broke his leg, is doing well. By the combination of fusionist and ten Republican members of the Lower House, havoc was played with the colored representative that had been elected by the Republican caucus in both houses, and as the thing stands the colored people loose from a money standpoint about $1,400 a month. This shows that the colored people don't stand much of a show in political appointments from a fusionist combination. There is a bitter feeling existing against the governor in regard to the stand he took in the senatorial fight. Delegations from all over the state came to attend the mass meeting called by the chairman of the Republican committee and the largest political meeting ever held in this city was held. Five and ten minute speeches were made by a number of speakers protesting against the treachery of some of the representatives, but the outlook is favorable to the electing of the choice of the Republicans as spoken at the state convention, which indorsed Bushnell for governor, and M. A. Hanna for senator. Major Fillmore, commanding officer of the Ninth Batallion who was the escort and guards of honor in the inaugural parade, refused to turn out, so the duty fell on the senior captain. St. Paul A. M. E. church fed at their dinner inaugural day several hundred people. Mrs. Seignel of Naughten street, gave a party last Friday night Dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Among the many present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Bell, Mrs. Graves, and Mrs. Patterson of Pittsburg. Hotel Triplett arrivals: W. H. Gray, L. Harver, S. Jones, of Findlay; J. H. Montgomery, S. L. Smith, Springfield; A. A. Naven, E. Dyten, Richmond; Wm. Kelly, Canal Door; F. M. Kinney, Ironton; P. E. Gibbs, Cleveland; Eaton Banks of Logan county. The guard of Logan county at the Ohio penitentiary has the record of being one of the best guards among the one hundred and ten men. He has never had anything against him and never lost a minute from his duties in six years.

PICKINGS.

In some Australian towns the old-fashioned black-faced chimney-sweeps can still be seen.

The site of a prehistoric village has been discovered near Massillon, O., and evidences of cremation found.

Canada will exempt from duty wearing apparel, personal effects and toilet articles carried by Klondike miners.

Col. John Lambert, of Joliet, Ill., has given $7,000 to the public library of that city and $1,500 each to the Silver Cross and St. Joseph hospitals.

The Woman's National Press Association has completed arrangments for the congress of press women to be held in Washington on Feb. 18 and 19.

The Japanese steamship company Nipon Yusen Kaisha operates a fleet of eighty-three steamships, besides hundreds of coasters and junks, and has with one exception, a tonnage exceeding all other companies in the world.

The Sultan of Turkey is always seen attired in pale brown garments. The Emperor of Austria affects gray. The young German Emperor has what may be called a loud taste in clothes, and is never so happy as when wearing the showiest of uniforms or hunting costumes.

Canada's new postage stamps are about to issue. They bear the vignette of the Queen as she appears to-day, not as at coronation. The color of the ones, threes and fives will be changed, in accordance with the Postal Union regulations, to green, red and blue respectively.

To prove the importance of keeping the drinking fountains for horses open in winter as well as summer, "Our Dumb Animals" stationed a man near the Dorothea L. Dix fountain, Custom House Square, Boston, Mass., on December 14, a cold day. The man counted 583 horses which drank there on that day.

Among the "oldest inhabitants" recently discovered is Mrs. Nancy Barger, who lives at Curtin's Station, Pa., near which Roland Curtin, father of the late ex-Governor Andrew G. Curtin, founded the Eagle iron works now in ruins. She is 107 years old, and her son who lives with her, has celebrated his eightieth birthday. Mrs. Barger's mother was 103 years old when she died, and a sister died at the age of ninety-six.—Indianapolis Journal.

H. E. Sumner, of Worcester, Mass., who has just returned from a protracted stay among the poor whites in the mountains of South Carolina, declares that the scenic beauties of that region are unsurpassed, but that it is pitiful to see the ignorance and degeneracy of the poor white mountaineers. It is really a question, declares Mr. Sumner, as to which are lower in the social scale—the "poor whites" or the Negroes. Mr. Sumner speaks from actual experience, as he has been living with these people as one of them and studying their habits and characteristics, for some time past.

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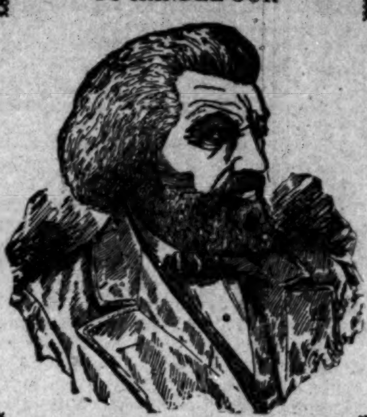

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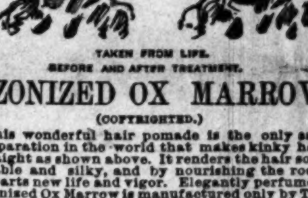

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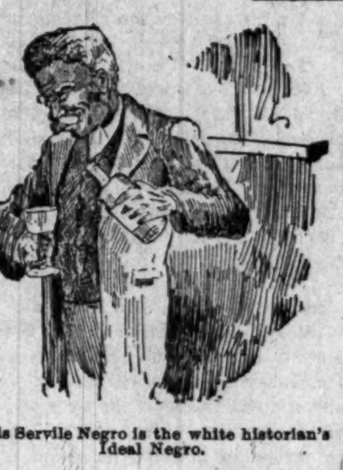

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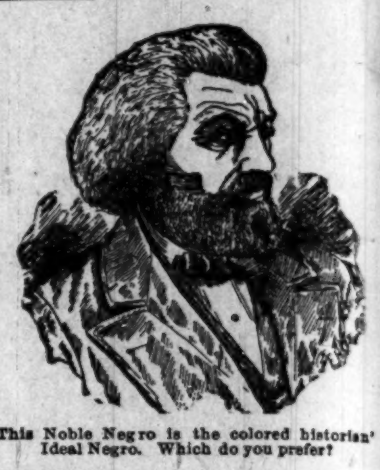

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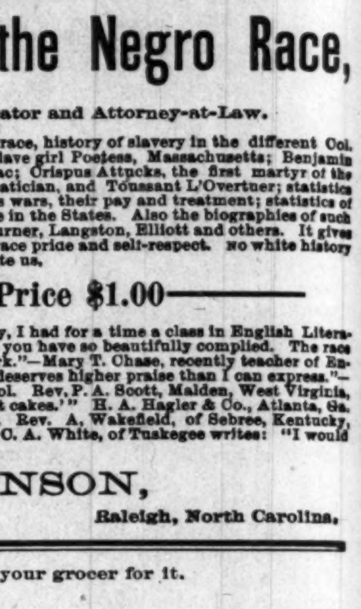

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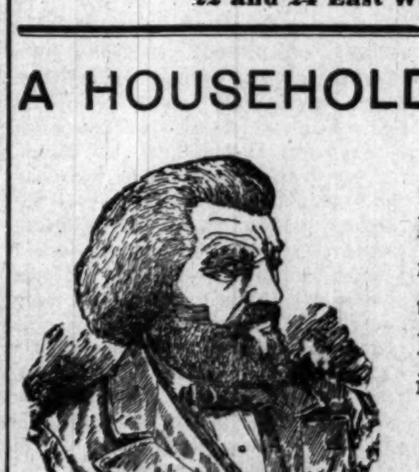

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EDITOR FREEMAN:—

Having started on the road in the interest of the I. S. D. C., and feeling the pulse of the people in general, I ask a little space to make public a few of the most serious drawbacks to race progress, as I see them.

First, Our people are not a paper reading people. It is true they read the daily papers for police and other news of that character, or now particularly how Mark Hanna will come out in his Senatorial contest, in this section, "the wise and young case," but to learn what the race is doing or how they are progressing or retrograding does not disturb them in the least.

In Portsmouth, colored men are largely in business as shop keepers, wood-dealers and realestate owners, all laudable to a certain extent profitable, but all are merely consumers and not producers.

Second:—Our people have no where to congregate save their churches, the shops and the corner curbstone. To reach them you must get by the pastor in charge, to do this you must explain to him your mode, methods, ideas and major portion of what you intend to say, he in turn will take a week or so to consider just how far your idea effects his interests, and should he become satisfied that it would in the least degree advance any worthy thing he had not comprehended, the lecture will never be had, and you are sure never to reach his people.

Every third person you meet will say you are right, but manly convictions are stiffled, and the lack of moral courage consigns them to the same old rub.

Third:—Our people lack lamentably so, busines straining, and any man who tries to show them this great lack is immediately confronted with the query who is to lead them? Who is competent to lead off? To say "I will lead" is to brand one as suspicious at once and you will be told that I knew him when he was a boy. "Who is he or" when did he get so smart? I find none attack the ideas you advance but the man individually.

I am confident that the work will not come to full fruition while I live, but the seed sown will bear fruit after years. I full well know that all our people are really zealons about is building churches and schools, both highly commendable but neither can financially benefit the race. Nor make them anything but consumers. It is true a certain amount of respect is due the consumer but the consumer is always an after consideration and the most beholding man in the universe. He has nothing to say in what he shall pay for anything, he is simply told what the producer wants in money for an article, and must pay it or leave it in either case the producer is not the looser.

I am trying to make the Negro see, that so long as he cannot demand checks, he is in no way able to cope with the race who does, I also try to show them that all their shop keepers are simply collecting agents, and their places of business, collecting bureaus between our people and the producing people; for instance, from whom does the colored grocer buy his stock? Or the colored shoe dealer his shoes? And so on down the entire lists of merchandise. It must be admitted that the bulk of money taken in by a retail dealer of any kind goes to the wholesale-dealer. The craze in the South among our people now is realestate, privately I mean. A man will buy every house he can get his hands on and money to pay for, but what real good is such a man in a community, save the abstract fact that he owns so much property. How does he help his people? Does his wealth put a single Negro laborer in a position to ear a living? Is a single child benefited outside of his own home? Does not the Negro have to go to the white man to get work in order order to earn the money to pay the Negro landlord?

But on the other hand, suppose that wealthy Negroes would open a small manufactory and give his tenants employment or form a joint company to do so, he or they would double their receipts, be sure of his or their rents, and realize twice on the outlay, besides becoming producers of what they consume.

As I said time and again, the Negro will not need another college in fifty years, nor perhaps a church in the same time, unless in a new town, but he needs a half million, factories a dozen in each town, and of every kind.

I want to cite a case; In this town there are about five colored Baptist churches, all sprung up since the war. The two leading Baptist churches were once the colored portion of the Court street Baptist church; built before the war. The building in Court street, still stands and is the Court street Baptist church (white) and is used every Sunday for worship. Its members are the moneyed men of the town; except a little alterations it has stoo to my knowledge 45 years, but both of the colored congregations have finer buildings of modern pattern, one of which have built three church edifices, and now are so involved in debt that it looks quite dark ahead, one (I heard stated publicly) that its notes had gone to protest, the other the pastor publicly said two notes were over due.

Now calmly does God require us to do what we know we cannot do? Not what He, but we know is impossible. God forbid I should ever believe it. On the other hand, had the same debt been assumed on factory property and laid out in business, the receipts would have built as fine a church as desired, given employment to half if not all the congregation, paid the pastor a more handsome salary and demanded the respect due, but for an outlay of forty thousand dollars only one man gets a living, and the rest have the comforts of sitting in the building twice a week to hear him talk.

Negroes must awake and the world must see and know they are not merely consumers, but producers. I hope to reach the Negro in parts of the country before I return North, and will do all in my power to awaken my people's business ideas.

GEO. A. CORPREW,
Portsmouth, Va.

The City Election.

Union City, Tenn., Special.

The city election was held the first of the month. There were only six Negroes who voted. It is believed by some of the whites that the leaders were the cause of such few voters. If they were the cause it must be that the Negro never gets a dollar out of the city board. Next August is the time for the county election. The Negroes will be on hand. There are seventeen lodges here in this town of about 4 700 people. The colored people pay taxes on about $23,000 worth of property.

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SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 22, '97.

Editor Freeman:—I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a postal money order for one dollar and fifty cents for which please renew my subscription to The Freeman for the coming year, and send it, as heretofore to Santa Fe, New Mexico. HENRY O. FLIPPER.

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TAYLORVILLE, ILL., Dec. 26, 1897.

Editor Freeman:—Will say in regards to your wonderful paper, which I have only been taking a short time, I am glad to have the pleasure of taking such a wonderful paper as The Freeman. It gives my heart great delight to see what our people are doing. As you are aware that I am not agent for your paper, but have been some what busy in trying to talk up your paper in our town, among the people. Noticing in your issue of Dec. 18th where you said any one sending in two yearl subscriber for your paper, you would send free to them the history of "The History Of The Colored Race," so if this be true, I am sure I can get two or more. Please write me soon, so I may be able to get the paper to them as soon as possible. Also when my subscription is out will send you $1.00 so you can continue my paper for another year.

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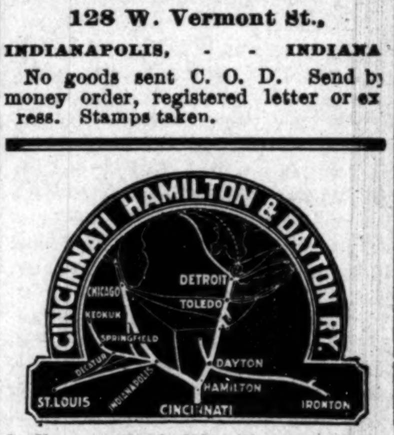

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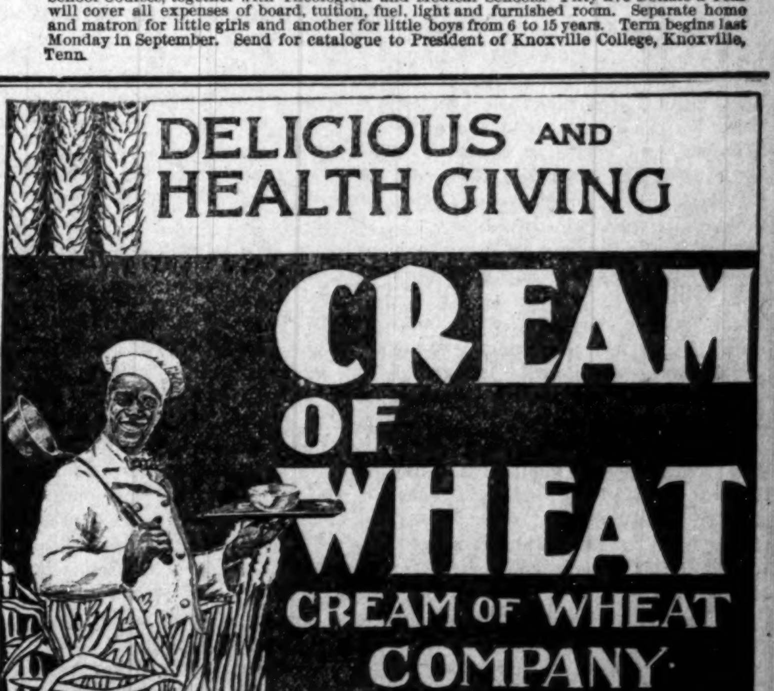

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Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Neal are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mrs. Gus McFarland is seriously ill, at her home in Indiana avenue.

Mrs. Henry Jackson, of 333 Toledo street, is still unable to be out.

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Wayman Thompson, son of Rev. H. H. Thompson, died, at his home, 61 Harlan street, on the 13th. He was buried from the residence Sunday, at 2 p. m.

Personal and Society.

Henry Moss, of Peru, spent several days in the city this week.

Rev. Newton, of Springfield, Ill., was in the city last week, the guest of Rev. Murray.

Mrs. M. S. Johnson has returned from Kentucky, where she has been teaching school.

Mr. Moss, of Evansville, is in the city the guest of Frank Oliver, in east Fifteenth street.

Mrs. Geo. Brown, of 228 Alleghany street, has returned home, after spending several weeks visiting friends in Greensburg.

Dr. W. H. Furniss has returned from Washington, D. C , where he has been for for a few weeks, preparing to take up his work as Consul to Bahai.

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One accession to the church last Sunday.

Rev. Murray spent last Tuesday in Kokomo, and preached for Rev. A. Smith, B. D.

The auxilliary met last Thursday at the residence of Miss Florence Miller and an enjoyable time was had.

The Christian Endeavor was lead last Monday by the pastor. A very large crowd was present. It will meet next Sunday evening at 6:30 instead of Monday evening; leader Mrs. Ella Williams hopes the members and friends will be present.

The Sunday school is certainly doing excellent. The lecture room is full each Sunday. Two more teachers have been added to the list Misses Fannie Hardrick and Dora Sanders.

Bishop B. F. Lee will be with us tomorrow, and preach at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p m. Everyone should avail themselves of the opportunity, and hear this most excellent speaker. He will lecture Monday evening. Subject "The Hand of Man." Admission free

The Missionary society is doing a grand work and should be commended by all. Visit them once and you will see for yourself what they are doing. May the hand of God ever lead and guide them in this noble work. The following is the program rendered last Monday afternoon; Song-society—"Nearer my God to Thee" Prayer—Mrs. Emma Doke. Song society 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arm." Scripture reading—Mrs. Mattie Green: Paper, Miss Fannie Hardrick; Solo, Mrs. Emma Bradley; Paper, Miss Lucy Parker; Paper, Mrs. Lizzie Streat.

There will be a debate next Monday afternoon by four ladies. Bishop Lee will be with us and address the meeting. All the ladies of the church are invited to come and bring friends. Please do not forget that to-morrow is Rally Day. Each member is expected to do all they can.

Let us do our best to raise $300.00.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Rev. William O. White, the pastor, will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. There was over one hundred and twenty-five in attendance last Sunday. The orchestra rendered some excellent music. Everybody is invited to attend all of the services,

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Usual services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings.

J. K. Donnell will speak Sunday morning. Subject: "Leadership." The public cordially invited.

BETHEL A. M. E. NOTES.

Fine congregations attended each service last Sunday, and it being the regular monthly rally the results were quite gratifying; $252 20 was the total of collections and club reports. This was a splendid endorsment of the action of the church in re-electing the old trustees.

The Sunday school has started with a boom under the new superintendent, Hon. G. L. Jones. The attendance last Sunday was the largest for many months.

During the past week preparatory services have been held, and the church greatly strengthened for the revival efforts to follow.

Installation of Officers.

Meridan, Miss.—Special.—The installation of officers of the Orian Star Epworth League took place at the Meridan Academy Friday night, the 14th. The following officers were installed by Rev. J. C. Hibbler in the presence of a large audience: President, A. W. Griffin; Mrs. L. Malery, first vice; Mrs. M. White, second vice; Mrs. M. Coleman, third vice; Mrs. H. A. Clark, fourth vice; Miss Ella Hinton, secretary; J. W. Isabel, monitor; Miss Anna Crawford, treasurer. * * Rev. H. C. Houston, presiding elder of the Jackson District, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Turner. * * Rev. J. C. Houston of Yazoo, Miss., presiding elder of the Jackson district, preached at St. Paul M. E. Church on the 16th. * * The members of the branch of the New Hope Baptist church, that have been holding services in the Academy, have decided to name their church the First Baptist. Rev. Rivers hopes to build soon. * * Sacrament given at New Hope Baptist church the 16th. Rev. Stinnis preached. Miss J. Saunders presided at the organ. * * Rev. W. H. Coleman, pastor of the A. M. E. church, returned from conference on the 17th. * * Wesley Moore spent a few hours in the city on the 16th visiting his daughter. * * Revs. J. C. Houston, J. C. Hibbler and A. M. Trotter left on the 19th for Ellisville to attend the conference. * * Mrs. J. W. Longstreet has been quite sick, but is improving. * * Rev. A. L. Goodwin of Shuqualak has been in the city several days. He preached at New Hope the night of the 13th.

A Dumb Wedding.

Tullahoma, Ala.—Special.—Miss Hattie King is visiting her parents this week. * * Miss Clara Smart is on the sick list. * * Preston Wakefield, an honorable citizen, died on the 9th. * * The entertainment and dumb wedding given at the A. M. E. church on the 17th was an enjoyable success. The bride was Miss A. M. Geton, bridegroom Mr. Boss Shafner. * * The literary society met as usual Thursday night. A very entertaining paper was read by Miss A. M. Geton.

Will Take Charge of Schools.

Nashville, Tenn.—Special.—Commencement exercises will take place on Feb. 2. * * * Most of the members of the freshmen and sophomore classes have gone to their respective homes to take charge of schools. * * * Van J. Davis has been appointed teacher in one of the public schools. * * Mr. Neal, the general agent for The Freeman, called upon us recently. * * Dr. J. H. Holman of the '97 class, also a subscriber to The Freeman, has gained much prominence since his graduation. During the months of July and August he had charge of the Meharry exhibits of the Exposition and won many friends. During this term he has been teaching histology and bacteriology. He has the esteem of the students and faculty. * * Misses Rosa Lee McDonald and Matilda Lloyd are among the graduates of Central Tennessee College this year. Miss Rosa came from Alma, Kan., and since being here has done much to promote the interests of missionary work.

Colored Lawyer Wins.

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 14, 1898.—Special.—Attorney O. V. Royall, of Indianapolis, arrived in this city early last Tuesday morning and took rooms at the swell hotel Commercial. He is here on legal business, having a case pending in the Circuit Court against the Illinois Central Railroad Company, in which Dyke Andrews, of Indianapolis, is plaintiff. He is the subject of much comment among the lawyers and court officials here, and I should say, all of which so far as we have heard, has been very complimentary. The daily papers here say that he is the first colored lawyer who ever made a plea in the Circuit Court of this county and that he is "a shrewd young man, thoroughly conversant with all the curves and crooks of the profession, educated at Harvard, wears glasses and carries himself with dignified mien." The case went to the jury this afternoon, the spacious court room, built on the order of the parquet of a theatre, could not accomodate the large crowd of lawyers and spectators who came to hear his plea to the jury and the silence which prevailed during his argument was such that on coming into the room one would think a murder trial was on. An afternoon paper here announces that the watchman who wounded the plaintiff Andrews, having been tried for assault with intent to kill and was acquitted, it fails to see how Andrews can win his case against the railroad. Though opposed by the leading railroad lawyer here Mr. Royall compared favorably with him and made an able address to the jury. The outcome of the case is awaited with much interest.

HE WINS THE CASE.

Mr. Royall arrived home early Saturday morning and says he left Kankakee at 10:20 Friday night, and the jury was still out at that time, but that during the day he had received a telegram from Kankakee informing him that the jury had come in and rendered a verdict in favor of his client for $1,000.

Entertained by Prof. Vance.

New Albany, Ind.—Special.—Revival meetings are in progress at Bethel church. * * The Y. P. B. U. of the Second Baptist church rendered a special program Wednesday night of last week. * * Will Mitchem is able to be out again. * * The Juvenile choir of Zion A. M. E. church has purchased new anthem books. Mr. Skillman, as leader, and Miss Mamie West, as organist, are equal to the task. * * "Darkest America" played before a crowded house at the Lyceum Theatre Monday night. * * Miss Nannie Stith managed an excellent concert at Zion last Tuesday evening. * * A concert will be given at the State street M. E. church tonight. Rev. J. E. Warren, pastor. * * Prof .W. O. Vance entertained his school by displaying stereopticon views. * * A change has been made in the management of the "Minister." Revs. Jones and Thompson are still retained as editors, while the new board of managers is Rev. J. W. Lukett, chairman; Rev. L. W. Ratliffe, treasurer; Rev. R. L. Cherry, secretary; Rev. A. Jackson. With the above mentioned ministers the organization includes the names of Revs. J. S. Webb, W. W. Dorsey, W. D. Certain, S. W. Parr, Singleton, and S. R Byrd.

Interesting Notes From The "Hut."

Terre Haute, Ind.—Special.—The ladies of the Second Baptist church are preparing to give their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. B. Hillman, a reception. Rev. Hillman will take charge Feb. 6 and the reception is to be given the following week. * * Mrs. Clara Williams of Marganfield, Ky., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Jones, of South 13 1-2 street. * * James Robinson has gone to Brazil to join a concert company. * * John Hicklin, the head cook at the Union Station restaurant, is taking a vacation. * * Fire at the home of "Uncle" Tommie Howell, in South Fourteenth street, done much damage last Saturday. * * There will be a World's Fair concert and Kentucky oyster supper at the Second Baptist church Jan. 27. * * The Dramatic Cantata Company of this city showed in Paris, Ill., the 20th.

Personal Notes.

Muncie, Ind.—Special.—Mrs. Steward of Washington, C. H. O., is in the city visiting friends. Mrs. Steward will be remembered as the wife of the former pastor of the A. M. E. church, who is now attending school at Wilberforce Theological Seminary. * * Mrs. Edna Moore Boyer, wife of Marshal Boyer, died and was buried from the A. M. E. church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The deceased left one sister, a father and husband and little babe. * * Melvin Dean of Dunkirk, Ind., was in the city last week, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Belle Kelley, of South Madison street. * * Artist and Waters are the new waiters at Hotel Kirby. * * Ollie De Flop and Will Dixon stopped in the city and were the guests of Will Poindexter. * * Mrs. Dempsey is expected in the city soon to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ella Carter, East Charles street. * * 'The Klondyke" met at Mrs. Strancher's last Wednesday. * * Mr. and Mrs. Milelr of Urbana, O., are in the city, the guests of Marshal Boyer. They were called here to attend the funeral of their daughter-in-law. * * Miss Grace Poindexter of New Castle is in the city. * * Miss Hattie Rawlins is on the sick list.

Until Death do Them Part.

Little Rock, Ark.—Special.—Hon. G. W. Thompson brought home a charming bride from Drew county. * * L. A. House has opened a restaurant in connection with his confectionery. * * Dr. F. B. Coffin has bought the entire stock of the Jones Drug Co. * * Dr. G. W. Hayman stands at the head as a physician. He is a perfect gentleman and has the confidence of his race.

Work of Secret Orders.

Tullahoma, Tenn.—Special.—We are pleased to note that Mrs. Sutton and little daughter, Pettie, are improving. * * Prof. Mosely of Nashville spent a few days of last week here with his family. * * The I. O. I and the Queen Esther are doing a great work here for the race. * * The memorial services of Mrs. Spencer were held recently. * * Bro. Workfield died on the 8th after a year's illness. His many friends mourn his loss. He was a true race man. * * Remember The Freeman agent will be around on Saturday of each week. Have your money ready.

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